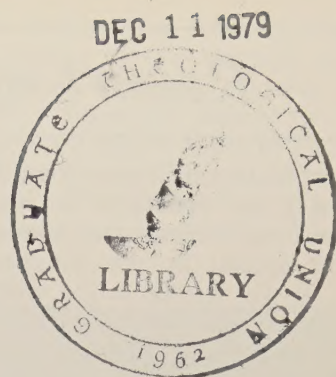




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## Official Portrait of General Overseer Roger W. Otterson Dedicated

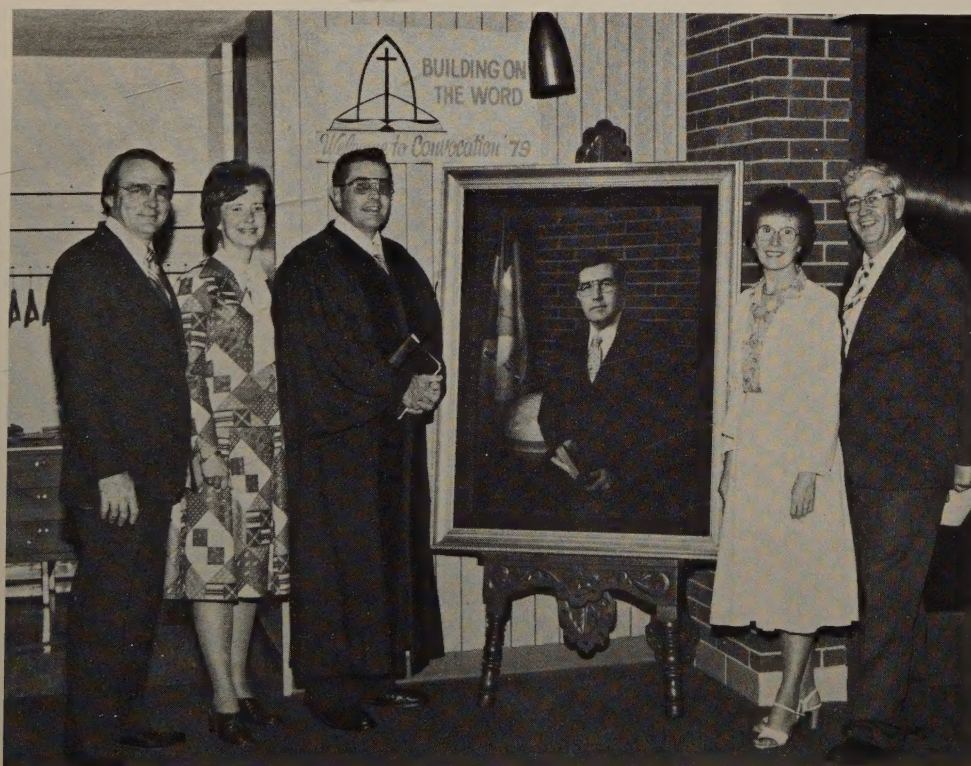
The official portrait of General Overseer Roger W. Otterson was presented by the Board of Trustees, on behalf of the congregation, to the Administrative Council at the closing meeting of the 79th Annual Convocation on September 30th. Presentation was made by Mr. William Rymer, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and the Prayer of Dedication was given by Over-

seer Earl Minton.

The Board of Trustees commissioned Mr. Finley Gustafson of Finley Photography to do the photographic portrait. Finley, and his wife Junella, have been active in the church for many years and both are members of the diaconate.

The portrait includes, as background, the Christian Catholic

Church flag and a globe of the world. Overseer Otterson reinstated the use of the church shield on the official church flag and was instrumental in having the flags reproduced and distributed to the Christian Catholic Churches and missions around the world. The globe is symbolic of the outreach ministry of the church.



L. to r.: William Rymer, Mrs. Otterson, General Overseer Roger W. Otterson, Mrs. Gustafson and Finley Gustafson.



# Report of the 79th Annual Convocation

Convocation '79 was something special. It was special in the beautiful spirit of oneness and harmony. It was special in the testimonies given. It was special in the spirit of fellowship and sharing of burdens and in loving hospitality, particularly shown in the care of visiting delegates.

Two very moving and meaningful times during the opening service of the Convocation were the Ceremony of the Flags and the Commitment of the Fellowship to God and Prayer of Consecration. In the Ceremony of the Flags, the Color Guard of the Zion Guard Organization marched in with the flags of all the nations where we have missionary commitment. Then, when Pastor Ottersen named the country and gave information about our involvement there, the flag of that country was placed in its stand on the chancel steps.



Ceremony of the Flags

Following his sermon, "Building on the Word", Pastor Ottersen gave an invitation to recommitment of lives to God. With oneness of heart, the congregation stood or came forward, filling the chancel steps and aisles, in response to the invitation. After a time of silent prayer, Pastor Ottersen led us all in a prayer of Consecration to God.

Tim Allen had selected for our theme chorus, "The Bible Stands", which was sung at each service. It fit in just perfectly with the Convocation theme: "Building on the Word". The words are as follows:

The Bible stands ev'ry test we give it,  
For its Author is divine;  
By grace alone I expect to live it,  
And to prove it and make it mine.

The Bible stands tho' the hills may tumble,  
It will firmly stand when the earth shall crumble;

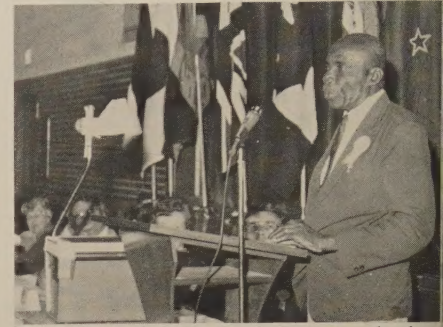
It will plant my feet on its firm foundation,  
For the Bible stands.



Fellowship at the Annual Business Meeting. L. to r.: Art and Edith Wright, Iris Mintern, Overseer and Mrs. Lee, Ruth, Martha, Eleanor and Mrs. Hacker.

Two fellowship luncheons were enjoyed during the week. The first on Monday, was for the church staff and spouses and for the delegates. This provided an opportunity for getting acquainted with the delegates who were able to be with us for the entire week. These included Rev. Edward Pollard from Guyana, Rev. and Mrs. Roy Graham from Jamaica, Rev. and Mrs. Noel Smith and their daughter and son-in-law, Alison and Trevor Kelso from Australia, Rev. and Mrs. Dale Anderson and Mrs. Dorothy Dalton from Phoenix, Arizona, Rev. and Mrs. Ted Mason of Chicago, and Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Reimer of Inscription House Navajo Mission. The second fellowship luncheon was a carry-in sack lunch affair for all who could make it on Wednesday. It was a happy time together.

General Council Meetings in the afternoons gave opportunity for ministers from the various churches and areas to share burdens and concerns as well as joys and blessings. Pastor Ottersen also shared some of the concepts of church growth to stimulate thinking and discussion toward expansion of the work and reaching out with the Gospel.



Rev. Edward Pollard of Guyana, sharing the Annual Business Meeting.

On Friday night, following the message on "Fullness of Joy", Rev. Roy Graham of Jamaica, the following seven candidates were baptized by Pastor Ottersen:

Lonnie Wade Castillo  
Jennifer Smith  
Christine Anne Soper  
Dawn Marie Soper  
Connie Jeanne Soper  
Stephen Glen Soper  
Donna Dee Szekely



Visiting Delegates to Convocation '79 — L. to r.: Samuel Harrichand, Canada; Edward Pollard, Guyana; Roy and Valerie Graham, Jamaica; Dorothy Dalton and Dale and Judy Anderson and daughter, Phoenix; Bernard and Edna Reimer, Inscription House; Trevor and Alison Kelso and Noel Verna Smith, Australia; and Dean and Audrey Matteson of Michigan City.



On Saturday evening, following a very delicious carry-in meal, the annual Business Meeting and Session were held with reports heard from the Building Committee, the Board of Trustees and from the various mission areas represented. Ted Edwards reported that the progress of the new Christian Arts Auditorium is a little behind schedule but that it was expected to be completed early in the new year. To date, over \$140,000 has been received in pledges or donations and \$38,000 is still needed by December 31st to reach our goal of \$180,000. Building donations now can reduce the amount of the mortgage and the amount of monthly payments and interest. Mr. Bill Rymer, Chairman of the Board of Trustees shared his concern in the present deficit of spending over income and so encouraged us to greater trust in God and faithfulness in stewardship of money. Pastor Ottersen reported on the progress of the church and of the advances made during 1978-79. He urged our consideration of advances in church growth and of greater personal interest and caring for one another within the fellowship. He explained a new program of "caring groups" which was just being inaugurated where the entire fellowship had been broken into groups of eight or more people with a group leader — for fellowship, for sharing of prayer needs, for expressions of love and mutual assistance where needed.



Newly elected members to the Board of Trustees with Pastor Ottersen.  
From left to right: William Rymer, Atwood Pitcher, Pastor Ottersen, and James Petreman.

A precious time was experienced at the Service of Consecration of children to God, following the closing of Convocation in which seven boys and five girls were consecrated to the Lord. They were:

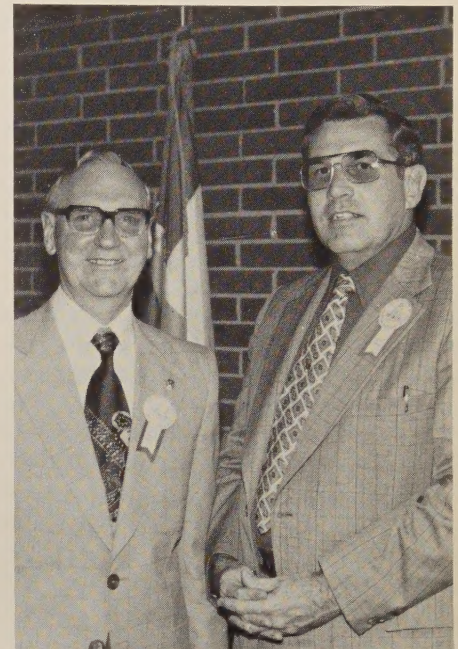
Tera Ann Barnes, daughter of Terry and Wendi Barnes;  
Caleb Everett Congdon, son of Loren and Margaret Congdon;  
Christine Chanelle Cook, daughter of David and Judy Cook;  
David Richard Crawford, son of David and Linda Crawford;  
Thomas Max Hollingshead, son of Jon and Judy Hollingshead;  
Keith William Kacsh, son of Glenn and Laurel Kacsh;  
Jeffrey Allen Keiler, son of David and Janice Keiler;  
L. Christian Michael Khayat, son of Christian and Twyla Khayat;  
Michael Edward Martinez, son of Lino and Patricia Martinez;  
Heather Robin Novotny, daughter of Raymond and Carolyn Novotny;  
Staci Ann Reimer, daughter of Dean and Joeleen Reimer; and  
Ruth Carrol Richter, daughter of James and Carrol Richter.

It is difficult to adequately describe the main service on Sunday afternoon of October 7th. It was wonderful, memorable, precious, exciting, etc. The presence of God was very real. General Overseer Roger Ottersen spoke on "The Designer — The Building — The Builders", and this was followed by the traditional march around the barrels in the presenting to God of our Sacrificial Offering.



The Ordination of Rev. Dale Anderson to the Ministry of the Christian Catholic Church. From left to right: Overseer Leland Barton, General Overseer Roger Ottersen, and Overseer Earl Minton. Dale Anderson, kneeling.

A very solemn time came in the ordination to the ministry of the Christian Catholic Church, Rev. Dale Anderson, pastor of Zion Mountain View Chapel in Phoenix, and the appointment of Elder Noel Smith of Australia to that of Overseer in the Christian Catholic Church.



Noel Smith conferring with Pastor Ottersen in his office, following Rev. Smith's appointment as Overseer.

Following the singing of Blest Be the Tie that Binds, five persons were given the Right Hand of Fellowship into the Christian Catholic Church. They were:

Shavon Emanuelson  
Audra Christine Otterbacher  
Linda J. Stried  
Jan Marie Tjader  
Donna Dee Szekely

A memorable Communion Service was observed after which Pastor Ottersen announced the total of the Sacrificial Offering. It came to just under \$30,000. Praise the Lord! It is greatly needed to continue our missionary commitments.

Convocation '79 came to a close with a good concert presented by His People, a group that ministers in behalf of the Evangelical Child and Family Agency, and which is one of the most beautiful choral groups in the Chicago area. It was a service of Praise to our great God, and a fitting close to a great week.



# MISSIONS

"So we ourselves ought to support such people . . . to be fellow workers with them in the truth." III John 8.

Nagoya, Japan  
September 25, 1979

Dear CCC Friends:

The past ten days seems to have been particularly eventful ones for us. On Sunday of last week, at the close of the Worship Service, the three members of our Takahama fellowship who are over seventy years of age were recognized and presented with gifts, following which they were honored during a short time of fellowship. The preceding day (Sept. 15) was a national holiday ("Respect for the Aged Day") when the country's senior citizens are given special recognition.

Following the Worship Service, attractive leaflets announcing the three month Christian television series (15 minutes weekly) on a Nagoya station beginning in October were distributed along with monitor postcards to be sent by viewers to the TV Committee's office. Both the announcements and the monitor cards were stamped with our church's name and address. These are being distributed to homes in Takahama and when monitor cards are sent in requesting a free New Testament, these will be distributed in person by members of our church, when personal contact may be established. This is a project in which a large number of Protestant churches in the greater Nagoya area are participating. We would appreciate your prayerful interest also into its productive results.

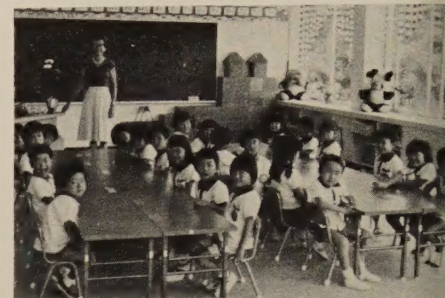
Later that Sunday afternoon, following my taping of three "Message for Today" tapes for our daily telephone ministry, the first session of a new (or reactivated) English Bible Class was held for fluent speakers of English. Members of such a class I had taught for years in Kariya had been requesting its reactivation. So now we are meeting in the church in Takahama on the afternoons of the 3rd and 5th Sundays of the months. Members, including high school teachers of English, come from five surround-

ing communities as well as from Takahama. We are beginning our study of Ecclesiastes, using the Good News Translation. This peculiar piece of Wisdom Literature in the Old Testament, which is so out of keeping with most of the other Biblical writings, has the flavor of Oriental philosophy that provides a point of contact with Japanese thinkers.

Monday morning I played tennis as usual with other missionary friends on the court at Nagoya International School and then talked with the Headmaster regarding a dedication ceremony next week for the new nursery school building and the completion of the circle of our elementary through high school classroom building which was completed during the summer vacation, at a cost of some \$450,000, at which the Governor of Aichi Prefecture and the Mayor of Nagoya will be invited to cut ribbons. That evening, I was the only non-Japanese member of a new study group called by the Director of the Japan Campus Crusade to participate in drawing up a document relating to the Japanese cultural and religious character as it pertains to Christian evangelism, considering both the weaknesses of past methods and suggestions for more effective means for reaching this important Asian nation with the Gospel. This document will then be presented at the 1980 World Congress on Evangelism to be held in Singapore.

Tuesday morning, I taught the Nagoya Union Church Bible Study Group which meets twice a month in the home of a Southern Baptist missionary. We began our study of Philippians at the time. The group is made up of mostly women, both foreign and Japanese, wives of missionaries, businessmen, engineers, etc. resident in Nagoya. Tuesday evening I chaired the monthly meeting of the N.I.S. Board of Directors, at which the Headmaster reported an enrollment of 312 students from the 3 year old nursery school children through the high school and Intensive English stu-

dents of seven nationalities, though predominately Japanese and American, with thirty administrative faculty members of which Barbara is one.



Barbara Offner and her Nursery school class in the new Nursery school classroom.

Thursday morning I stopped at the church in Kariya for my weekly conference with Pastor Tomitani when we discussed the coming Church Retreat. From there we drove to the city of Handa, where following lunch with the Okkaw Elementary School principal, I spoke to some thirty mother members of the PTA Reading Circle. I had suggested the book to be discussed: the posthumously published notes secretly written to her husband and four young children by a 43 year old pastor's wife who she began to write the day her husband, in violation of Japanese tradition, informed her that she had lung cancer and had only a short time to live. These honest, faithful expressions of a dedicated, logically-trained Christian woman during the last 43 days of her life give impressive testimony to the life-changing power of a vibrant Christian faith. Questions and comments during the discussion time indicated the deep impression made on these women, most of whom have had no personal contact with Christianity, by how this Japanese woman of their own age group faced death. I have subsequently written the Circle leader indicating that I would be happy to meet again with the group to continue the discussion with any interest in following through the more detailed Christian implications of the book. Following the Circle Group meeting, I went on to Takahan



# For Praise & Prayer

Kibungan, Benguet  
September 26, 1979

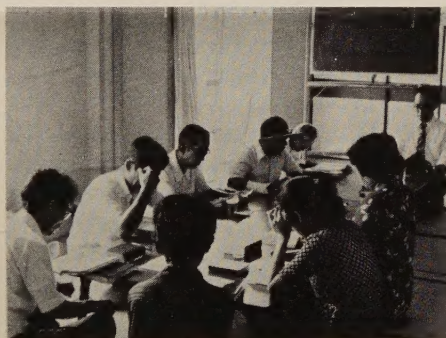
the weekly English Bible Class  
high school students (Gospel of  
Mark) and the evening Bible study  
(Gospel of John) and Prayer  
meeting.

Friday evening there was an  
ES. PTA potluck dinner, bring-  
ing new teachers and parents into  
contact with each other. Although  
we are no longer parents of any  
students, since Barbara is now  
teacher and the PTA rules have  
been changed to permit  
recruitment of teachers to become  
members (big deal!), we both were  
present to taste and enjoy the  
various types of national foods pre-  
pared. (Barbara's class of 24 lively,  
attentive Japanese 5-year-olds  
steps her on her toes — or is it her  
heels? — five days a week. She was  
recently featured in a large  
newspaper advertisement supple-  
menting an account of her discussion  
with the president of a large chain  
store organization and a popular  
television cooking instructor regard-  
ing the introduction of Wenchel  
nuts into Japan through the  
7-Eleven Chain Stores.) Saturday after-  
noon we visited the art gallery  
where paintings of Mrs. Hayashi, an  
active member of the Kariya  
Church, were on display. Following  
her deaths from cancer of her hus-  
band, and a few years later, her  
young son, she took up painting and  
impressed her peers both with  
her painting ability and her vibrant  
Christian witness.



Hayashi with one of her paintings in  
gallery.

Following the Worship Service  
this past Sunday, three carloads of  
people left Kariya and Takahama  
for a two-day retreat at an ocean-  
side retreat center of the Assemblies  
of God 1½ hours away, taking ad-  
vantage of the national holiday on  
Monday, "Fall Equinox Day".  
There we spent a meaningful time  
of fellowship, study and meditation.  
Pastor Tomita, having spent two  
years in a Trappist monastery,  
appreciates the Christian tradition  
of contemplation and feels the lack  
of quiet meditation experience in  
most Protestant churches. He in-  
structed us in the method and aim  
of meditation, and following each  
Bible Study period (from Colos-  
sians), led by him and me alternately,  
we spent thirty minutes in silent  
meditation. For the rest of us, it  
was a new experience and we all  
benefitted by it.



Study time at Church retreat with Pastor  
Tomita as leader.

This evening Barbara and I will  
be going to the home of a Swiss  
couple for the first meeting of the  
fall season of the monthly Bible  
Study I am teaching on Revelation.  
This group is made up of both men  
and women from various national,  
professional, religious backgrounds  
who attend the Sunday afternoon  
English services of Nagoya Union  
Church. We appreciate your pray-  
ers for these and our other activities  
as we seek to minister here.

Sincerely in Christ,

Clark and Barbara Offner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Three busy months have come  
and gone since our return to the  
Philippines. It's still rainy season,  
and almost every afternoon the  
clouds roll in over the mountains,  
dump rain in torrents, and pass on,  
leaving the air fresh and clean.

My duties as Linguistics Dept.  
Chairman have required trips both  
to Manila and to our workshop  
center at Bagabag, but we've been  
able to spend at least half of the  
three months here in Kibungan.  
We've enjoyed renewing acquaint-  
ances and chatting to people who  
come for medicine. We've also been  
kept busy reviewing the Kankanaey  
we forgot while on furlough and  
trying to get a handle on some of  
the grammatical patterns that we  
still don't control. We've noted a  
real openness on the part of some  
of our friends to discuss spiritual  
things and have had several oppor-  
tunities to share with them con-  
cerning Christ's power over the  
spirits.

Even more encouraging is the  
letter we got recently from Julia  
Wance (wahnsee), a college girl  
who worked for us briefly before  
furlough and who had not at that  
time accepted Christ. She writes,  
"I really like to study the Bible  
because it is so full of good, so I am  
thinking that when my schooling is  
done, I would like to work again in  
your office to help you finish the  
Kankanaey Bible. I would also like  
to help my townmates study the  
Word of God." Pray that Julia  
will become firmly grounded in her  
new faith and that God will raise  
up other men and women like her  
with a vision to reach their own  
people for Christ.

In family news, Jan has been  
taking an hour every morning to  
teach Christy kindergarten, and  
both of them really enjoy it. Out-  
side of school, however, Christy  
is having a harder time. She is  
keenly aware of the language barrier,



and this, coupled with the fact that she is considerably larger than anyone else her age, makes it difficult for her to feel at home with other kids. Marty is less self-conscious, but still aware of the physical and cultural differences. Pray with us that both kids will soon pick up the language and get over their shyness toward other children in the village.

We are very conscious of our need for your prayer support and thank the Lord for each of you.

Yours in Christ,  
Larry and Jan Allen  
SIL, Box 2270  
Manila 2801, PHILIPPINES

### ZION MOUNTAIN VIEW CHAPEL PHOENIX, ARIZONA

What is a nurse, doctor, policeman and fireman doing at Zion Crusaders at Zion Mountain View Chapel? Carmen Tallant, Robby Anderson, David Bell, and Albert Reinke were members of Space Cubs last year. They learned about the helping professions while studying about citizenship. Assistant Mrs. Vi Niewenhuis is explaining the duties of the various professionals along with their leader Miss Jo Gittings (not pictured).



Zion Crusaders began again this fall with even more potential for outreach to many children and youth. Before the end of the year we expect to add the Junior High age group to our youth program. Pray that these programs may be used to reach both young people and parents for Christ.

Pastor Dale Anderson

## "Building On The Word"

by Rev. Roger W. Otters

There are cathedrals across Europe that stand as outstanding examples of architecture and design. Many of these cathedrals took scores of years to complete. In our own country, the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul in Washington, D.C., was begun in 1907 and was not ready for public worship until 1912.

We may have instant coffee, instant tea, or instant soup, but we cannot have instant buildings. Even the designing of a building may take some years to complete.

The living church, the body of Christ, is likened in Scripture to a building — a temple. That temple had its beginning at Pentecost and is still being added to — and will be, until the return of Christ.

Our Convocation theme is "Building on the Word". Every building needs a solid foundation. It would be foolish to erect a beautiful building on a faulty foundation. The church is built on the foundation of Jesus Christ, not on the philosophies and traditions of men.

*"For through Him we both (Jew and Gentile) have our access in Spirit to the Father.*

*So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow-citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together is growing into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit."* (Ephesians 2:18-22)

Jesus Christ is the foundation of the church (temple). He chose apostles to be with him to learn of Him, then to send them forth to witness of Him. The New Testament writings of the Apostles were written by inspiration of the Holy Spirit and give accurate witness to Christ. In this sense, the Apostles also became the foundation upon which the church is built. The foundation of the church then is the Living Word, Jesus Christ, and the written Word, which has come to us through the Apostles. Each believer becomes an integral part

of the temple — the dwelling God — as a "living stone".

Eighty-three years ago John Alexander Dowie established the Christian Catholic Church on the solid foundation. Point number one of our Basis of Fellowship reads:

"That we recognize the infallible inspiration and sufficiency of the Holy scriptures as the rule of faith and practice."

Never has the Christian Catholic Church deviated from this emphasis. In the earliest doctrinal statements of the Church — still used by many of our fellowships — the statement concerning the Bible reads: "We believe that the Bible in the original languages in which it was written was inspired by God that He inspired not only the thoughts but also the words."

The Bible is not man's effort to find God, nor merely a record of man's experiences of God. Rather it is God's witness to Himself. The Bible is God's revelation of Himself to man. In it are answers to life's greatest problems and perplexities. From it we derive strength and faith, encouragement and comfort, cleansing from sin and power to live a godly life through the Holy Spirit. However, it can give no help unless it is studied and obeyed.

The Apostle John, in the concluding chapters of his Gospel gives to us one of the greatest statements of the purpose of scripture that I know. He says:

*"Many other signs therefore Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name."* John 20:30-31

The Heavens declare the glory of God,  
But the Cross reveals His grace.  
The firmament showeth His handiwork,  
But Calvary showeth His face!

Much could be known of the wisdom and power of God through His creation, but it is the Bible that declares His mercy and love and makes known His provision for every need of man. The Bible w



tten that we might know and  
ieve in Jesus Christ, God's Son,  
I have eternal life through Him.

Paul writing to young Timothy,  
son in the faith, urged him to  
continue in the things he had  
learned and which had brought him  
knowledge of salvation — that  
might grow into spiritual matur-

*"You, however, continue in the  
things you have learned and be-  
come convinced of, knowing  
from whom you have learned  
them;*

*and that from childhood you  
have known the sacred writings  
which are able to give you the  
wisdom that leads to salvation  
through faith which is in Christ  
Jesus.*

*All Scripture is inspired by God  
and profitable for teaching, for  
reproof, for correction, for train-  
ing in righteousness;*

*that the man of God may be  
adequate, equipped for every  
good work."* II Tim. 3:14-17

in building construction, a level  
and a steel square are two very  
important tools. The square meas-  
ures length in inches (or centi-  
meters) and angle. A true square  
has a perfect 90 degree angle. The  
level and square are standards of  
measurement. If the standards of  
measurement are faulty, the entire  
building will be faulty. In the same  
way, the Bible is our standard for  
faith and conduct. If it is important  
to have accurate standards in build-  
ing construction, how much more  
important that which has eternal conse-  
quences.

God has given to us an accurate  
standard in the Bible. The Scrip-  
tures were given by inspiration of  
God and He has given us assurance  
that what has been written is truly  
His Word, not man's. By "inspira-  
tion", we are to understand that  
the writings, not necessarily the  
writers, were inspired. Nowhere in  
Scripture is there a claim that the  
writers were inspired. "Inspiration"  
is God's way of exerting His  
supernatural influence upon the  
writers so that the writings said  
what God intended to have said.  
Thus, "they are profitable for  
teaching, for reproof, for correction,  
and for instruction in righteous-  
ness", that the believer might be-  
come all that God intends.

Central in our church logo is the  
cross, representing Christ's death  
for us. The outside lines are taken  
from the front and rear roof lines  
of our headquarters church building  
and represent the body of believers  
of the Christian Catholic Church.  
Both the cross and the outer lines  
rest on the base or foundation of  
the open Bible. Christ died "accord-  
ing to the Scriptures". Our church  
is built on Jesus Christ and His  
Word. It is our desire that every  
organization within the church,  
every function, every committee,  
every meeting, every activity, and  
every sermon and Bible school  
lesson be built on the Word of God.  
The reason for this is that every  
life might be built up in Christ.  
This was Paul's concern as expressed  
in I Corinthians, chapters three  
and six.

In chapter three, Paul likened the  
church to a building, a temple — a  
corporate body of believers. In the  
Corinthian church, some were ac-  
tively seeking to build it up while  
others were working — perhaps  
unintentionally — toward its de-  
struction.

*"For you are still fleshly. For  
since there is jealousy and strife  
among you, are you not fleshly,  
and are you not walking like mere  
men?"*

*For when one says, 'I am of Paul',  
and another, 'I am of Apollos', are  
you not mere men?"*

*Do you not know that you are a  
temple of God, and that the Spirit  
of God dwells in you?"*

*If any man destroys the temple of  
God, God will destroy him, for the  
temple of God is holy, and that is  
what you are."* I Corinthians 3:3,4,  
16, 17

The heart of man has not changed  
since Paul's day and there are still  
those in the church who work in  
love and harmony for the building  
of the church while others through  
pride, jealousy, strife, self-will, and  
selfishness, are actively working  
toward its destruction. How impor-  
tant it is that each of us seek  
earnestly to be guided by the Word  
of God and controlled by the  
Spirit of God. Everyone loves a  
beautiful church. May the beauty  
of the character of Christ — the  
beauty of holiness — be seen in  
each of us as members.

In chapter six of I Corinthians,  
Paul refers to each individual life as

a temple or dwelling place of the  
Holy Spirit. How imperative it is  
that we who have been purchased  
by the blood of Christ and indwelt  
by God's Holy Spirit, live to the  
honor and glory of God. Sin will  
ever be present to tempt and allure  
us from the path of obedience,  
but by the grace of God, we can  
overcome.

In the fourth chapter of Ephe-  
sians, Paul expands the concept of  
the temple of God as made up of  
each believer. Here the emphasis is  
on the spiritual gifts or abilities,  
given by the Holy Spirit to each  
believer, that he may do his part  
as a builder of the temple of God —  
the body of Christ. In this way, the  
Church is like a training school,  
where students come to be trained  
to perform useful service.

*"And He gave some as apostles,  
and some as prophets, and some as  
evangelists, and some as pastors  
and teachers,  
for the equipping of the saints for  
the work of service, to the building  
up of the body of Christ."*

Ephesians 4:11-12

God has not overlooked any  
child of God but has given some  
gift or gifts to each one to help  
them reach out in loving service to  
others that they also might come to  
know Christ and be built up in Him.  
Jesus Himself said that He had  
chosen and ordained us to bring  
forth fruit. May I ask you as I ask  
myself, "Are we allowing Him to  
work in and through our lives?"  
In our living and in our giving, let  
us put Jesus first.

God has given to us such great  
opportunities for reaching out with  
the Gospel at home and abroad as  
through radio, dial-a-devotion,  
literature, camp, preaching and  
Bible teaching, and the support of  
missionaries. Yet the need for  
workers and funds to support them  
continues to grow. Our world is a  
suffering world and we need to  
share its burden. There is much  
more work to be done in our own  
community and multitudes in other  
lands who still wait to hear of  
Jesus Christ. God help us to be  
faithful to the task He gives us. Let  
us together be builders with God  
and for God — BUILDERS ON  
THE WORD. I close with a poem  
written by Richard Fred Ballard,  
and given to me by one of our  
church members.



## My Bible

There is a book more precious  
Than anything on earth  
No wealth of gold or jewels  
Can equal it in worth  
I go to it in trouble  
And though my heart is sore  
It always gives me comfort  
I love it more and more.

When doubtful what is best for me  
I seek it's guidance true  
And if I search with open mind  
It tells me what to do  
I lay it on my pillow  
Or clasp it to my breast  
When I am sad or lonely  
It always gives me rest.

I open to the pages  
To the Savior's words in red  
I see the blood of Jesus  
Upon the cross he shed  
He tells me how He loves me  
And how He makes me whole  
How He's prepared a place for me  
And how He bought my soul.

And how he lives within me  
And I am not alone  
And how for my transgressions  
None other can atone.  
I find within the pages  
Sweet everlasting life  
Where I will dwell with Jesus  
And rest from earthly strife.

My BIBLE IS THE WRITTEN WORD  
The living Word is He  
So my Bible and my Savior  
Are much the same to me  
His Holy Spirit leads me  
His word to understand  
So when I hold my Bible  
The Savior holds my hand.

Written by: Richard Fred Ballard,  
Date: October, 1978

## IN MEMORIAM

Philip Mole,  
October 12, 1979, in Zion.  
Evelyn St. Germain Dolan, nee  
LaBelle, October 16, 1979,  
in Zion  
Mrs. Norman (Lillie) McKerlie,  
nee Teeple, October 23, 1979,  
in Zion.  
Paul Samuel Pefley,  
October 23, 1979, in Florida.  
Roy Maynard,  
November 2, 1979, in Zion.  
Mrs. Glen (Louise) Carsley, nee  
Miller, November 9, 1979,  
in Zion.  
Mrs. Frank (Ada) Traynor,  
November 12, 1979, in Phoenix.  
Elizabeth Jane Paxton,  
November 12, 1979, in Zion.

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## WARM WEATHER AIDS BUILDING PROGRESS

Unseasonably warm weather (70 degrees on Nov. 18th) has enabled work to continue on the new Christian Arts Auditorium for which we are grateful to God. We still need another week or so of dry weather above 40 degrees in order to complete the roof. Once the building is enclosed work may proceed on the interior. We are trusting that the building will be completed in time to have the first performance of Zion Passion Play on April 4th, 1980.



Christian Arts Auditorium in construction to the left of the Mintern Memorial (g) Auditorium.